

Appendix 5 – Functional Area Descriptions

Project Functional Areas

The capital projects in this report have been grouped into functional area categories. The functional areas for facilities have been developed by General Services Agency and generally coincide with the use of the facility. For example, library projects are in the library functional area and the Women's Jail is in the public safety functional area. The functional categories for infrastructure projects were developed by Public Works.

Facilities Project Functional Areas – General Services

Facilities projects are grouped into functional areas consistent with the functional areas identified in the capital and maintenance project fund centers of the County budget. The functional areas are: Airports, General Government, Golf Courses, Health and Social Services, Library, Parks, Public Works and Public Safety.

- **Airports** – The Airports functional area identifies projects at San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport or Oceano Airport. Projects support both commercial air service (at the San Luis Obispo Airport) and general aviation and include runways, terminals, parking for both vehicles and aircraft, hangars and other airport serving facilities. The Airports operate as an Enterprise Fund. Projects in this functional area are generally funded by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants and Airport operating revenues. Additional grants are sought and utilized when appropriate.
- **Public Safety** – The Public Safety functional area includes Sheriff, Probation, Fire and District Attorney. Projects include correctional facilities, fire stations, patrol stations, interview rooms, office space, etc. These projects are generally financed by the General Fund (GFS), Public Facility Fees (PFF) for law and fire and grants (such as AB 900 Local Jail Construction Financing Program, AB109 Criminal justice alignment and SB 81: Juvenile Justice Realignment Provisions, when available. Additional grants are sought and utilized when appropriate.
- **General Government** – The General Government functional area includes those departments that serve other County departments such as the Administrative Office, Assessor, Auditor/Controller, Board of Supervisors, Clerk-Recorder, County Counsel, General Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Risk Management and Treasurer/Tax Collector. Projects include renovation and enhancement of office buildings and public areas as well as storage space for records and other facilities necessary to accomplish the functions of General Government. These projects are generally financed by the General Fund or available grants. For example, lighting and heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) units were replaced on facilities that serve these departments through the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

- Health and Social Services - The Health and Social Services functional area includes the Department of Social Services and Health Agency. Projects focus primarily on public health and mental health office space, client treatment space, and animal services renovations. These projects are generally financed by departmental operating funds when they are State of California reimbursable. In addition projects in this functional area may be funded through the General Fund, available grants and Public Facility Fee (PFF) General Government.
- Library – The Library functional area provides materials and services to people seeking knowledge and lifelong learning. Projects focus primarily on building or relocating libraries and remodeled circulation desks. Projects are generally financed from Public Facility Fee (PFF) Library or operating revenues (small projects only). Library facilities are funded (50%) by the community such as Friends of the Library organizations.
- Parks – The Parks functional area provides recreational facilities such as community parks, playgrounds, tennis courts, swimming pools, coastal access ways and beaches, large regional camping facilities, and biking and hiking trails. Projects are generally financed from grants (Federal, State and other) and Public Facility Fee (PFF) Parks.
- Public Works – The Public Works functional area for facilities is focused on improvements related to facilities specifically used by Public Works such as road yards and improvements associated with infrastructure for County facilities such as the water and wastewater system that serves the County Operational Center between Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo. Funding is usually provided through annual allocations in the County budget and may consist of General Fund or funding from County reserves.

Infrastructure Project Functional Areas – Public Works

Public Works infrastructure is broken down into the following functional areas:

- Water Systems – These facilities are either localized water system for towns in the unincorporated areas or large delivery systems such as the Nacimiento Pipeline. Standard of this area is to conform to State and Local Health and Safety Requirements.
- Wastewater Systems – Local systems such as Oak Shores and Country are operated and maintained by the County as well as the large scale project being implemented in Los Osos. Standard of this area is to conform to State and Local Health and Safety Requirements.
- Flood Control – Local drainage needs have been defined through a six community drainage study and the County works toward implementation of the associated capital improvements list. Arroyo Grande Channel is the major County Flood Control facility under this functional area.

- Transportation :
 - Road Preservation – This category involves maintenance of the existing system, primarily road surface condition as well as adhering to State and Federal Mandates such as NPDES and ADA requirements. The target of road system preservation is established by the Board which is currently to maintain an overall system pavement condition of not less than 65.
 - Transportation Structures – The County maintains just over 200 bridges. The target established by the Board is to have at least 90% of all structures have a structural rating over 50. Work involves replacement and rehabilitation of structures to meet this goal.
 - Road Safety – Projects in this category improve existing sites known to have safety needs or improve the road side conditions to reduce frequency and extent of collisions. Standard is to maintain collision rates at or below State Highway collision rates.
 - Road Improvement Fees – Projects which improve transportation system capacity and mitigate new development impacts. These are identified in various circulation studies and fee programs adopted by the Board. Board adopted policy for action is to maintain Level of Service D or better.
 - Transportation Betterment – These projects are discretionary enhancements to non-motorized transportation such as bikeways, paths and streetscape improvement in downtown areas. Community Plans define.